



**Contractor Aquatic Vegetation Control Inc. (AVC) planting Bulrush (*Schoenoplectus californicus*)
Harney Pond, Lake Okeechobee, September 2011**



Ready to grow



Exotic Apple Snail eggs (*Pomacea Insularium*) on Bulrush stems
<24 hours after planting,
Harney Pond, Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Apple Snail (*Pomacea* sp.) shells,
Harney Pond, Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Juvenile Snail Kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*), Harney Pond
Banding shows this bird hatched in STA5 earlier this year.
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Snail Kite with exotic Apple Snail eggs,
Harney Pond, Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Four-spotted Pennant (*Brachymesia gravida*),
Harney Pond, Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Scientist Rachael Pierce examines the experimental native Apple Snail hatchery
Lemkin Creek, September 2011



Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
in Lemkin Creek outflow, September 2011



Scientist Andy Rodusky and Senior Scientist Chuck Hanlon remove Wild Grape vines (*Vitis* sp.) from young Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) planted earlier this year.
Lake Istokpoga, September 2011



Scientist Amy Peters tackles the Wild Grape,
Lake Istokpoga, September 2011



Amy Peters and Chuck Hanlon, making progress,
Lake Istokpoga, September 2011



Pond Apples (*Annona glabra*)
Lake Istokpoga, September 2011



Red Shouldered Hawk (*Buteo lineatus*),
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*),
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011





Green Heron (*Butorides veriscens*) in Sesbania (*Sesbania sp.*)
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) hooked by a fishing lure,
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



**Floating nest of the exotic Brown Hoplo catfish
(*Hoplosternum littorale*)
and exotic Apple Snail eggs,
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011**



**Brown Hoplo nest flipped over. Bubbles blown
by the male
keep the nest floating.
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011**



Burn scar from Indian Prairie fire, started by lightning on the 20th.
Looking south from inside the levee,
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011



Second burn scar from same fire, looking north along the rim canal.
Lake Okeechobee, September 2011